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1. SINCE REF B WAS SENT TO USDOC APRIL 23, TWO NEW FACTORS HAVE EMERGED REGARDING FAST-CHANGING SITUATION CONCERNING SPACE FOR U.S. EXHIBIT AT SEPTEMBER BRNO FAIR:

(A) FAIR DIRECTOR MATULOVA HAS NOW SENT EMBASSY TELEX SAYING IT IS IMPOSSIBLE, DESPITE HER EARLIER ASSURANCE TO CONTRARY DURING EMBOFFS' APRIL 22 MEETING WITH HER, TO ERECT ANY ROOF OVER 594 SQUARE METER OUTDOOR ISLAND. THIS MEANS ISLAND CAN BE USED ONLY AS EXPOSED AREA OR AS SITE OF CUBICLES (MONTI STANDS).

(B) REF A HAS BEEN RECEIVED ADVISING THAT CLARK HAS WITHDRAWN FROM USDOC EXHIBIT AND REQUESTING EMBASSY TO REQUEST APPROXIMATELY 600 SQUARE METERS GROSS INDOOR SPACE.

2. HOPEFULLY, SITUATION IS NOW CLARIFYING. AS REPORTED REF B, MATULOVA OFFERED US ON APRIL 23 AN ADDITIONAL 480 SQUARE METERS (30 BY 16 METERS INCLUDING AISLES) INDOOR SPACE IN PAVILLION R TO SUPPLEMENT NEARBY OUTDOOR ISLAND. IF ISLAND IS NOW NOT NEEDED AND IF USDOC CAN REDUCE ITS REQUIREMENTS FROM 600 TO 480 SQUARE METERS, WE MAY BE ABLE TO SOLVE PRESENT SPACE DILEMMA BY INFORMING MATULOVA WE ACCEPT PAVILLION R INDOOR SPACE BUT NO LONGER REQUIRE OUTDOOR ISLAND. BECAUSE OF EXTREMELY TIGHT SITUATION ON INDOOR SPACE, A PROBLEM REPEATEDLY EMPHASIZED BY MATULOVA AND ASSOCIATES DURING OUR CALL ON THEM, EMBASSY DOUBTS THAT ANY OTHER SPACE BESIDES 480
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SQUARE METERS (OF WHICH APPROXIMATELY 100 SQ METERS WOULD HAVE

TO BE USED FOR SAFETY LANES) IS AVAILABLE AT THIS LATE DATE.
EMBASSY COULD ALSO REQUEST OFFICE SPACE IN BUILDING A3 (MATULOVA
HAS ALREADY OFFERED US 3 OFFICES ON THIRD FLOOR OF THIS NEW
BUILDING) TO EASE SQUEEZE IN PAVILLION R, BUT A3 IS A VERY LONG
WALK AWAY.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE AMEND PARA 7 OF REF B IN LIGHT OF
THESE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS AND ADVISE US SOONEST WHETHER EMBASSY
SHOULD INFORM MATULOVA THAT WE WISH TO ACCEPT (A) PAVILLION R INDOOR
SPACE ONLY; (B) PAVILLION R SPACE PLUS OUTDOOR ISLAND; OR (C)
PAVILLION R SPACE PLUS ONE, TWO OR THREE OFFICES IN BUILDING A3.
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